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## Legal Notice

**ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A PUBLIC ADVISORY MEETING. ZIA IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN.**

This involves public comment on Zia's existing gas supply planning and it's future supply demands in each of Zia's operating districts, with the objective of obtaining a cost effective energy portfolio that meets the needs of its customers and provides for methods of promoting the efficient use of energy. If you are interested in attending any of the IRP meetings, please contact Michele Gray at 575-378-4277 or by email at [mgray@zngc.com](mailto:mgray@zngc.com).

**Lea County - Hobbs City Council Meeting**, June 16th at 6:00 pm at the City Hall Commission Chamber, 200 East Broadway.

**Lincoln County - Ruidoso Village Council Meeting**, July 8th at 1:00 pm at the Ruidoso Village Hall, 313 Cree Meadows Drive.

**Lincoln County Commission Meeting**, July 15th at 8:30 am at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave. in Carrizozo.

**Colfax County- Springer City Council Meeting**, September 16th at 5:30 pm at the Springer City Hall, 606 Colbert Ave.

**Dona Ana County Commission Meeting**, November 11th at 9:00 am at the Dona Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Las Cruces.

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## Zia Natural Gas is the Natural Choice!

In communities throughout the nation, electricity was the standard fuel source when many homes and businesses were built, but knowledge and research have changed over time and now natural gas has become the recognized energy efficient fuel source for homes or businesses under new construction.

### Natural Gas VS. Electricity



In almost any setting, natural gas furnaces, water heaters, range tops, and fireplaces can be installed or upgraded at any time after initial construction. Natural gas is now the number one consumer energy choice for heating homes and businesses. By converting to natural gas, consumers are upgrading their property which will translate into higher resale value. If your property or business has natural gas already available to the site, you can have natural gas piping installed by a plumber.

The conversion to natural gas would pay for itself over time due to savings on lower utility bills – as low as one-half to one-third of an electric bill. Natural gas has traditionally cost less to use than electricity. Today's superior appliances are specifically designed to operate at maximum efficiency – such as water heaters that produce more hot water in a shorter time period and clothes dryers that reclaim and reuse heat.

Zia Natural Gas Company offers a variety of energy efficiency rebates to help customers save on their utility bills. These rebates include incentives for installing high-efficiency natural gas furnaces, boilers, insulation upgrades, water heaters, programmable & smart thermostats. For example, you can receive up to \$325 for upgrading from electric resistive heat to natural gas forced air heat with an AFUE of 95% or higher. More details regarding these rebates can be found on Zia's website ([www.zngc.com](http://www.zngc.com)) under the Save Energy & Money tab.

Safe, clean, efficient, and lower cost - upgrading to natural gas from electricity is an easy decision. In New Mexico, a qualified and licensed gas piping contractor can help you plan and install the new gas pipelines that are efficient and meet all state and local codes. More than that, you will have the peace of mind knowing that professional installation is the safest option for your family and clients. Additionally, natural gas systems are known for their reliability and can provide consistent energy, even during power outages, ensuring your home or business remains operational.

**MEMORIAL DAY...**  
...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET  
ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH  
GRATITUDE AND PRIDE  
ALL THOSE WHO SERVED  
AND DIED FOR OUR  
COUNTRY AND OUR  
FREEDOM.  
MAY YOUR DAY BE  
FILLED WITH  
MEMORIES AND  
PEACE.  
GOD BLESS AMERICA



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## RECIPE

### Red, White and Blue Fruit Tart

#### Ingredients

##### For the crust :

1 pie crust from a box

##### For the filling:

1-8 ounce package cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste

##### For the fruit topping:

4 large strawberries, sliced

1 1/2 cups blackberries

1/4 cup blueberries

1/2 cup raspberries



#### Instructions

1. Heat the oven to 450°F.
2. Carefully unroll the dough and place in the tart pan. Use your fingers to press the dough firmly into the pan, making sure to press along the sides as well before pricking with a fork (to prevent air bubbles).
3. Bake the tart crust for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Allow the crust to cool completely before adding the cream cheese filling.
4. Add the cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla bean paste to a medium bowl and use a mixer to beat at medium speed until smooth. Evenly spread the filling to cover the entire crust.
5. Arrange fruit as shown (or in any pattern you like) on top of the cream cheese filling.

## Updated Gas Cost Factor: Dona Ana County

Natural gas is a commodity and its price is determined by the market, based on several factors. A regulated utility is not allowed to make or lose money on the cost of gas as mandated by New Mexico's Public Regulation Commission, so the cost of purchasing and transporting gas to Zia's system is passed directly through to the customer as the Gas Cost Factor. Effective April 1, 2025, the Gas Cost Factor for customers in Dona Ana County is \$0.4822 per ccf, an increase from \$0.2534. The Gas Cost Factor for all other Zia customers remains unchanged from October 1, 2024 rates; Lea/Eddy County at \$0.3685 per ccf, Lincoln County at \$0.3232 per ccf, and Colfax County at \$0.3785 per ccf.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Ruidoso

**May 9th The Doo Wop Project** traces the evolution of Doo Wop from the classic sound of five guys singing harmonies to a journey of foundational tunes of the Crests, Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, and The Four Seasons. Located at Spencer Theater, show starting at 7pm, tickets \$49-\$69, \$25 green chile chicken enchilada buffet starting at 5pm.

**May 16th & 17th Peter Pan**-The Ruidoso Academy of Ballet & Dance will perform Peter Pan. The performance will include ballet, tap, and contemporary dances to tell the famous tale. Shows will be at the Ruidoso Schools Performing Arts Center on Friday, May 16th at 6pm and Saturday, May 17th at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by calling 575-808-8410 or at the door.

**May 10th Ruidoso Downs Clean up Day**-Come out to All American Park to help clean up Ruidoso Downs. Starts at 8am, there will be a dumpster for tires and a dumpster for household goods. We need volunteers to help clean the highway and side streets. Food and drinks for breakfast and lunch will be provided.

### Hobbs

**May 16th Masterpiece in the Making: A Bob Ross inspired painting night.** Ticket Price: \$45 per person (includes canvases, paint, food, and 2 alcohol tickets for those 21+) Enjoy delicious food and a selection of wine, beer, and regular drinks! This event is for ALL ages, so bring your friends and family along for a night of creativity and fun! Starts at 6pm located at Lea County Events Center for the Arts.

**June 16th IRP Public Advisory Meeting** This involves public comment on Zia's existing gas supply planning and it's future supply demands, with the objective of obtaining a cost effective energy portfolio that meets the needs of its customers and provides for methods of promoting the efficient use of energy. Meeting starts at 6pm at Hobbs City Hall located at 200 E. Broadway. Please RSVP to mgray@znqc.com.

### Las Cruces

**May 31st Moonlight: Adult Night at the Museum** Join us for a special Saturday "Moonlight" with a theme of "Automobiles and Agave" on Saturday, May 31st, from 5pm to 9pm. We will have wine, beer, and cocktails from Dry Point Distillers as well as food for purchase from Abuelos Casita food truck. At the Museum of Nature and Science.

**Reminder:** We use this section for our local communities. The messages must be non-partisan and non-religious. Non-profit organizations messages will be given preference. Please send the information to [csifuentes@znqc.com](mailto:csifuentes@znqc.com) before the 10th of the month to make the following month edition. Thank you.

## Happy Mother's Day - Sunday, May 11th

To all the amazing moms and the people who step in to be a mom- your love, strength, and dedication inspire us every day. Today, we celebrate you and all the wonderful things you do. Thank you for being the heart of our families and for your endless support. Enjoy your special day!

Just a reminder that Zia Natural Gas Company offices will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday, Monday, May 26th. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 27th at 8:30am.

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